



## Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden

July 9, 1957 - December 13, 2021

Richard Alan "Rick" Hayden was born July 7, 1957 in Wahoo, Nebraska to Richard "Dick" and Geraldine "Jerry" (Jensen) Hayden. Rick grew up in the Waterloo and Valley communities, attending school in both towns, and graduating from Valley High School in 1975. He went on to attend Bellevue University for one year where he played basketball for the Bruins. He was inducted into the DC West Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016.

Rick married Laurie Forsberg on November 6, 1976 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley, and to this union, three children were born; Amy, Jill and Chad. Rick and Laurie made their home in Valley.

Rick was proud of his roots in Valley, Waterloo, and Elkhorn and was conscious of giving back to those communities. He was a devoted coach of all his children's sporting activities, but also impacted multiple young people by assisting many years for the Valley High basketball program. He served for a number of years on both the Valley and Elkhorn Volunteer Fire Departments and was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Most of all, Rick was known for being the local grocer. He made numerous friends throughout the years with customers from his time at Dick's Market in Valley, Waterloo, and Elkhorn. Later, he continued those relationships when he opened Rick's Meats along with Cliff Hitchler and Mark Pearse.

Rick will be remembered as a hard-working, caring, compassionate, faithful and loving man. He was a simple man who enjoyed the simple things in life. When he wasn't at the store, Rick enjoyed going to Husker football games, his grandkid's sporting events, mowing, fishing, or taking a bike ride with his family. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed the Huskers and the Boston Celtics. Rick never turned down a pizza from La Casa. When thinking of Rick, friends and family remember his hard work, mentorship, and how he put everyone else before himself. He was a proud family man and he made everyone around him want to be a better person.

Rick passed away unexpectedly on Monday, December 13, 2021 at the age of 64 years, 5 months, and 4 days. He was preceded in death by parents Dick and Jerry Hayden, sister Janice Marie Hayden, and parents-in-law Leonard and Wilma Forsberg. He is survived by his wife Laurie of Valley, his daughters; Amy & Peyton Lewis of Yutan, and their children; Hayden, Tyson, Jade and Jaxon; and Jill and Adam Lamprecht of Fremont, and their children Ava and Max; and his son Chad Hayden of Elkhorn, and his daughters Addison and McKenna, his brother Robert and Cindy Hayden of Valley, and sister Susie and Mike Sip of Elkhorn, nieces and nephews. Special friends Kenny and Judy Argintean, Jim Thiessen III, Todd Deloske, and business partners Cliff Hitchler and Mark Pearse.

Funeral Service 10:30 AM Friday, Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkhorn.  
Interment Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn. Visitation Thursday Noon-8 PM with family receiving friends from 5-8 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family for a scholarship that will be established in Rick's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
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## Family will receive friends

DEC 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - December 15, 2021 at 10:29 AM

AJ

*From the Funeral Home - We are sorry, Obviously we are experience technical difficulties, we will record the service and upload it to this website after the service.*

Aaron Janssen - December 17, 2021 at 11:49 AM



*Glad to know that the service is being recorded and will be uploaded since I wasn't able to attend today. Thanks, Jon.*

Curt McLey - December 17, 2021 at 11:55 AM

DD

*We are heartedly sorry to hear about this loss in our community. We pray that the memories the family share carry all through the healing and grief process. The Kevin (William W.F. Daily) family shares your grief.*

Dawna Daily - December 18, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ Dick's Hillrise Market was my first job when I was 14 years old. Rick was always a friendly face in the meat market. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

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**Samantha Peters Clough** - December 18, 2021 at 04:28 PM

RH

“ Jill and family---So sorry to hear of your loss. Sounds like the world lost a wonderful being! Know that you'll cherish the memories and always remember the wonderful person he was. May he rest peacefully. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.  
Sandy Connerley & Rhonda

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**Rhonda** - December 17, 2021 at 05:05 AM

JL

“ Rick was a good friend to the Leaver Family with great memories. Our sympathy to his family. Jerry and Phyllis Leaver

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**Jerry Leaver** - December 16, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden.



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December 15, 2021 at 08:18 PM

ML

“ Out deepest sympathies to Laurie and all the family. What a great man. We moved to valley in 1993 and were blessed to live next to the Forsberg's, Lenny and Wilma and with that we also met Rick. Rick was a great friend and mentor for my husband, Steve. Guiding and teaching him as he became a Valley Fire Fighter and EMT. Helping out with a job recommendation letter for Steve and a few rescue call responses to house. Rick was always there for us. Offer calm and kind words with that special grin of his. There were times when it became a challenge between Rick and us for who would mow Lenny and Wilma's lawn...LOL. He even beat us a few times and then mowed our lawn too! We will miss you Rick. Rest in peace. Love Marcia and Steve Lampman

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**Marcia and Steve Lampman** - December 15, 2021 at 07:35 PM

SS

“ My little brother.. so much more than just that. We worked together for over 50 years, he was a confidant, best friend, and truly a great man. He just cared.. he was a wonderful family man who adored all of his grandkids and great nieces and nephews. He was never too busy or tired to help whoever needed it, and he will be greatly missed. Susie

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**Susie Sip** - December 15, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden.



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December 15, 2021 at 12:12 PM

KS

“ When I was around 25 years old I was in need of medical assistance. The rescue squad showed up and Rick cared for me all the way to the hospital that night. I felt very safe in his care not because I knew he was a good EMT, although he was. I felt safe because I knew he was a kind and caring person. That is how I will always remember Rick. Rest in peace Rick. You will be missed by many.

Karen Socha - December 15, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden.



December 15, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden.



December 15, 2021 at 09:28 AM

DP

“ I live across the street from Rick and Laurie, The first time I met Rick he offered to cut up and haul away a big branch that had fallen in my yard. That's the kind of man Rick was. My thoughts and prayers for Laurie and the family.  
Dan Pace

Dan Pace - December 15, 2021 at 09:25 AM

TH

“ I remember caring Rick around the grocery store in Waterloo when he was a young boy. When I worked for this dad, all three kids are very special to me.

*Gone to early and will be missed for many. Love you, Rick*

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**Terry Hester** - December 14, 2021 at 08:17 PM

JF

“ We used to shop at Dicks all the time. The employees were so nice and helpful and always were smiling. Such a nice family. Rest in heavenly peace.

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**Judy Feilmeier** - December 14, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JN

“ Sorry for the loss. With all the Memories and Fellowship being part of the Valley Fire Rescue team in the past. Of course with your store as well in Elkhorn. Thanks for sharing all these Blessings of Our Lord, AMEN!

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**John Niemoth** - December 14, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Alan Hayden.



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December 14, 2021 at 06:14 PM

LD

“ Our condolences to the family. Rick was always friendly and had a smile for you no matter how long it had been between seeing him and Laurie. We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers being sent. Lori and Mike Dyas

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**Lori Dyas** - December 14, 2021 at 05:25 PM

CB

“ I knew Rick and the guys from making spices for the market for many years. He was such a nice guy and left us way too soon. My heartfelt prayers go out to his family. He will be missed by many. R.I.P Rick!

From  
Carla Bigley



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**Carla Bigley** - December 14, 2021 at 05:11 PM